

Request to appear before the Board of Selectmen

Unless the issue is an emergency, all requests need to be furnished to the Town Administrator no later than noon on the Thursday prior to the Board Meeting.

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ACTION DESIRED: Please specify what action you desire the Board of Selectmen to take as a result of your presentation. Please be as specific as possible.

Taser Purchase Request/Discussion- Year end surplus

Our (8) Tasers were purchased about the FY 2007/2008. The life expectancy is/was 5 years. We have utilized our equipment for 8 years; however, the model we purchased, The Taser X26 is no longer manufactured or repaired as it has been de-commissioned. It was replaced by the X26P.

Our current Tasers are failing and we are down to 5 functioning units for a staff of 10 Officers. We no longer have spare batteries and have depleted our Taser Cartridge inventory. Our only option for the defective units is replacement. The batteries and cartridges are very costly (for example, it is \$800+ for 1 year of Cartridges only). This tool is an important less lethal weapon which provides Officers an alternative in their force continuum. The Taser was utilized 3 times in the last 4 years at NBPD. (Twice to subdue subjects with a firearm).

I am asking that PD fund balance be used to purchase the units ASAP which will allow some offset of funding in the FY 16 Budget



PREVIOUS STEPS TAKEN: Please indicate any attempts that you have made to resolve this issue prior to asking to appear before the Board of Selectmen. If current procedures require that you place your request elsewhere prior to possible action by the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator shall inform you at the time you complete this form.

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